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## *Determination of the Ternary Modular Groups.*

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1. The determination of all groups of linear homogeneous transformations on  $m$  variables with coefficients in the  $GF [p^n]$  falls naturally into two cases: (i) order a multiple of  $p$ ; (ii) order prime to  $p$ . In the second case, the canonical form of any transformation merely multiplies each variable by a constant, and the problem is analogous to that of the determination of the finite groups of collineations in  $m$  variables.† This separation of cases was followed in the treatment of binary groups.‡

In his elaborate memoir on ternary groups, Burnside || makes the limitation that  $p^2 + p + 1$  shall be the product of at most two prime factors  $> 3$  or else the triple of such a product. His discussion is occasionally incorrect. In particular, he misses\*\* the groups with an invariant ternary quadratic form.

The present paper on the ternary groups of order a multiple of  $p$  employs methods entirely different from those used by Burnside. There is no limitation on the odd prime  $p$ . Moreover, a representative of each set of conjugate subgroups is exhibited in explicit form.

2. The order of the group  $G$  of all ternary transformations modulo  $p$  of determinant unity is  $p^3(p^3 - 1)(p^2 - 1)$ . Every subgroup of order a power of

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† References to the work of Klein, Gordan, Jordan, and Valentiner are given in the new attack by Blichfeldt, *Transactions*, Vol. 4, p. 387; Vol. 5, p. 310.

‡ Compare the related problem of the unary linear fractional group treated by Moore, Burnside, Wiman, and Dickson (references in *Linear Groups*, p. 260). The writer has recently made a complete determination of the binary groups of determinant unity in the  $GF [p^n]$ .

|| *Proc. Lond. Math. Soc.*, Vol. XXVI, pp. 58-106.

§ *Ibid.*, pp. 77, 81, 102-104. Cf. *Amer. Journ. Math.*, Vol. XXII (1900), p. 231.

\*\* Burnside, *ibid.*, p. 81.

$p$  is, therefore, conjugate with a subgroup of the group  $G_{p^3}$  of the operators

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ b & c & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

In case a subgroup of  $G_{p^3}$  is defined by certain independent relations  $r_1 = 0, \dots, r_s = 0$  between  $a, b, c$ , we denote it  $\{r_1 = 0, \dots, r_s = 0\}$ . We employ also the usual notation

$$B_{i,j,\lambda}: \quad \xi'_i = \xi_i + \lambda \xi_j, \quad \xi'_k = \xi_k, \quad (k \neq i). \quad (2)$$

Since the commutator subgroup of  $G_{p^3}$  is formed of the operators  $B_{3,1,\delta}$ , and since the  $p^{\text{th}}$  power of (1) is of the form  $B_{3,1,\delta}$ , it follows that  $G_{p^3}$  has exactly  $p+1$  subgroups of order  $p^2$ . But any linear relation between  $a$  and  $c$  defines such a subgroup. Hence \* the subgroups of order  $p^2$  of  $G_{p^3}$  are  $\{a = 0\}$  and  $\{c = ta\}$ ,  $t = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$ .

The  $p+1$  subgroups  $C_p$  of  $\{a = 0\}$  are  $\{a = c = 0\}$ ,  $\{a = 0, b = wc\}$ ,  $w = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$ . Now  $B_{2,1,w}$  transforms the latter into  $\{a = b = 0\}$ . The  $p+1$  subgroups  $C_p$  of  $\{c = ta\}$  are  $\{a = c = 0\}$ ,  $\{c = ta, b = \frac{1}{2}ta^2 + va\}$ . When the latter is transformed by  $B_{3,2,s}$ , the only change is the replacement of  $v$  by  $v+s$ . We may thus make  $v=0$ . Within  $G$  every subgroup of order  $p$  is conjugate with  $(B_{3,2,1})$  or  $J_t \equiv \{c = ta, b = \frac{1}{2}ta^2\}$ ,  $t \neq 0$ .

### 3. The conditions for $\{c = ta\}(\alpha_{ij}) = (\alpha_{ij})\{C = sA\}$ are

$$\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{13} = s\alpha_{23} = ta_{23} = 0, \quad taa_{33} = sA\alpha_{22}, \quad (3)$$

$$a\alpha_{22} + b\alpha_{23} = A\alpha_{11}, \quad a\alpha_{32} + b\alpha_{33} = B\alpha_{11} + sA\alpha_{21}. \quad (4)$$

Since  $|\alpha_{ij}| \neq 0$ ,  $t$  and  $s$  are both zero or both  $\neq 0$ . For  $t = s = 0$ , the conditions reduce to  $\alpha_{12} = \alpha_{13} = 0$ , since (4) serve to determine  $A$  and  $B$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ , or vice versa. For  $t \neq 0, s \neq 0$ , then  $\alpha_{23} = 0$ ,  $A = aa_{22}\alpha_{11}^{-1}$  by (4)<sub>1</sub>, and  $ta_{33} = sa_{22}^2\alpha_{11}^{-1}$  by the final condition (3). Now  $|\alpha_{ij}| = a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} = 1$ . Hence  $t = sa_{22}^3$ . Let  $d$  be the greatest common divisor of 3 and  $p-1$ . If  $d=1$ , every integer is a cubic residue modulo  $p$ , so that  $t = sa_{22}^3$  can always be satisfied. If  $d=3$ , the two groups are conjugate if, and only if,  $t/s$  is a root of  $y^{\frac{1}{3}(p-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . If  $p=3$  or if  $p=3l-1$ , the groups  $\{c = ta\}$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, p-1$ , are all conjugate within  $G$ ; if  $p=3l+1$ , they fall into three sets represented by  $t=1, \beta, \beta^2$ ,

\* Cf. Bulletin, Vol. X (1904), p. 392, formula (9).

where  $\beta$  is a particular non-cubic residue of  $p$ . For any  $p$ ,  $\{c = ta\}$ ,  $t \neq 0$ , is commutative with only the operators  $(5)_1$ , with  $\alpha_{22}^3 = 1$ ;  $\{c = 0\}$  with only  $(5)_2$ ;  $\{a = 0\}$  with only  $(5)_3$ ;  $G_{p^3}$  with only  $(5)_1$ , the determinant to be unity in each case:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & 0 \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} & 0 \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} & 0 \\ \alpha_{31} & \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (5)$$

By a similar proof, there are exactly  $d$  non-conjugate sets of cyclic  $J_t \equiv \{c = ta, b = \frac{1}{2}ta^2\}$ ,  $t \neq 0$ ;  $J_t$  is commutative with only the operators  $(5)_1$  with  $\alpha_{22}^2 = \alpha_{11}\alpha_{33}$ ,  $\alpha_{22}^3 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_{32} = t\alpha_{33}\alpha_{21}\alpha_{22}^{-1}$ . Also,  $(B_{3,2,1})$  is commutative with only the operators  $(5)_3$  with  $\alpha_{21} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{11}\alpha_{22}\alpha_{33} = 1$ .

4. Lemma. The only factors  $\equiv 1$  (mod  $p^2$ ) of  $(p^3 - 1)(p^2 - 1) = \omega$  are 1,  $\omega$ .

Let  $\omega = (1 + p^2x)q$ ,  $x > 0$ . Then  $q \equiv 1$  (mod  $p^2$ ),  $q = 1 + p^2y$ ,  $y \geq 0$ . Then  $p^3 - p - 1 = x + y + p^2xy$ . Hence

$$x + y = tp^2 - p - 1, \quad xy = p - t, \quad t > 0.$$

Now  $y = 0$  gives  $1 + p^2x = \omega$ . Next, for  $y \geq 1$ ,  $x \geq 1$ , the second condition requires that  $x$  and  $y$  be each  $< p$ . By the first,  $tp^2 - p - 1 \leq 2p - 2$ . But  $p^3 - 3p + 1 > 0$  if  $p \geq 3$ . For  $p = 2$ , the lemma is evidently true.

5. Lemma. Any binary transformation  $B = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \gamma \\ \beta & \delta \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\gamma \neq 0$ , and all the  $E_\lambda = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \lambda & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  generate every binary transformation  $T$  of determinant unity.

Indeed,

$$E_{-\alpha\gamma^{-1}} BE_{-\delta\gamma^{-1}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \gamma \\ \tau & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tau = -\gamma^{-1}(\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma) \neq 0.$$

The latter transforms  $E_\lambda$  into  $F_\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sigma \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $\sigma = \lambda\gamma\tau^{-1}$  may be made arbitrary. But the  $E_\lambda$  and  $F_\sigma$  are known to generate every  $T$ .

6. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of order  $p^3N$ , normalized to contain  $G_{p^3}$ . If the latter is self-conjugate, the operators of  $H$  are (§3) all of the form  $(5)_1$ , so that  $H$  is given by the extension of  $G_{p^3}$  by certain operators

$$M_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma}: \quad \xi'_1 = \alpha\xi_1, \quad \xi'_2 = \beta\xi_2, \quad \xi'_3 = \gamma\xi_3, \quad \alpha\beta\gamma \equiv 1.$$

Next, let  $H$  contain  $k > 1$  groups conjugate with  $G_{p^3}$ . Unless  $H = G$ ,  $k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$  by §4. Hence\*  $G_{p^3}$  and one of its conjugates under  $H$  have a common subgroup of order  $p^2$ . Hence†  $H$  has an operator  $S$  commutative with this  $G_{p^2}$  but not with  $G_{p^3}$ .

(i). Let first  $G_{p^2}$  be  $\{a = 0\}$ . Then  $S$  is of the form  $(5)_3$  with  $\alpha_{12} \neq 0$ . By choice of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,  $B_{3,1,a} B_{3,2,\beta} S$  has  $\alpha_{31} = \alpha_{32} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{12} \neq 0$ . Hence  $(5)_3$   $H$  contains every binary transformation  $B$  of determinant unity on  $\xi_1, \xi_2$ . If  $H$  contains an operator  $\Sigma = (\beta_{ij})$ ,  $\beta_{13}$  and  $\beta_{23}$  not both zero, then  $H = G$ . Indeed, applying  $\xi'_1 = \xi_2$ ,  $\xi'_2 = -\xi_1$  on the right of  $\Sigma$  if necessary, we may set  $\beta_{13} \neq 0$ . Applying  $M_{\beta_{13}, \beta_{13}, 1}$  on the right, we reach  $\Sigma_1$  with  $\beta_{13} = 1$ . Then

$$\Sigma_1 B_{2,1,-\beta_{23}} B_{3,1,-\beta_{33}} = (\gamma_{ij}), \quad \gamma_{13} = 1, \quad \gamma_{23} = \gamma_{33} = 0, \quad \left| \begin{array}{cc} \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{22} \\ \gamma_{31} & \gamma_{32} \end{array} \right| = 1.$$

Multiplying on the right by the inverse of  $\left( \begin{array}{cc} \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{22} \\ \gamma_{31} & \gamma_{32} \end{array} \right)$  on  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$ , and then on the left by  $B_{3,1,-\gamma_{11}} B_{3,2,-\gamma_{12}}$ , we obtain  $(\xi_1 \xi_3 \xi_2)$ . This transforms  $B_{3,2,\rho}$  and  $B_{1,2,\rho}$  into  $B_{1,3,\rho}$  and  $B_{2,3,\rho}$ , respectively. But all the  $B_{i,j,\rho}$  generate  $G$ .

(ii). Let next  $G_{p^2}$  be  $\{c = 0\}$ . Then  $S$  is of the form  $(5)_2$  with  $\alpha_{23} \neq 0$ . By choice of  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $SB_{2,1,a} B_{3,1,b}$ , has  $\alpha_{21} = \alpha_{31} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{23} \neq 0$ . Then  $(5)_2$ ,  $H$  contains every binary transformation on  $\xi_2, \xi_3$  of determinant 1. If  $H$  contains an operator not of the form  $(5)_2$ , then  $H = G$ ; the proof is quite similar to that in case (i).

(iii). Let finally  $G_{p^2}$  be  $\{c = ta\}$ ,  $t \neq 0$ . Every operator commutative with it is of the form  $(5)_1$  and hence is commutative with  $G_{p^3}$ .

**THEOREM.**—Within  $G$  every subgroup of order a multiple of  $p^3$  is conjugate with one of the following: (i) the group of all the  $p^3fg$  operators  $(5)_1$  with  $\alpha_{11}^f = 1$ ,  $\alpha_{22}^g = 1$ ,  $\alpha_{33} = \alpha_{11}^{-1} \alpha_{22}^{-1}$ ; (ii) the group of all the  $fp^3(p^2 - 1)$  operators  $(5)_2$  with  $\alpha_{11}^f = 1$ ,  $\alpha_{22} \alpha_{33} - \alpha_{23} \alpha_{32} = \alpha_{11}^{-1}$ ; (iii) the group of all the  $fp^3(p^2 - 1)$  operators  $(5)_3$  with  $\alpha_{33}^f = 1$ ,  $\alpha_{11} \alpha_{22} - \alpha_{12} \alpha_{21} = \alpha_{33}^{-1}$ . Here  $f$  and  $g$  may be any divisors of  $p - 1$ .

7. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of order  $p^2N$ , normalized to contain a subgroup of order  $p^3$  of  $G_{p^3}$ . We prove that this  $G_{p^2}$  must be self-conjugate under  $H$ . If the number of conjugates to  $G_{p^2}$  is  $\omega$ ,  $H$  is of index  $p$  under  $G$ , whereas the order

\*Cf. Burnside's Theory of Groups, p. 94, Cor. II.

† Ibid., p. 97.

of the simple linear fractional group  $LF(3, p)$  does not divide  $p!$ . Hence (§4)  $G_{p^2}$  and one of its conjugates under  $H$  have a common cyclic  $C_p$ , and  $H$  has an operator commutative with  $C_p$  but not with  $G_{p^2}$ . By §3, this is impossible if  $C_p$  is  $J_t$  or  $(B_{3,2,1})$ , since, in the latter case,  $G_{p^2}$  must be  $\{a = 0\}$ .

The quotient of the group of the operators (5)<sub>2</sub> by  $\{c = 0\}$  may be taken concretely as the group of the operators (5)<sub>2</sub> with  $\alpha_{21} = \alpha_{31} = 0$ . We must take a group of the latter operators of period prime to  $p$ . The corresponding group of binary operators of determinant 1 on  $\xi_2$  and  $\xi_3$  must have the order 1, 2,  $4k$ , 24, 48 or 120 (see third foot-note to § 1).

The quotient of the group of the operators (5)<sub>1</sub> with  $\alpha_{22}^3 = 1$  by  $\{c = ta\}$  may be taken concretely as the group  $Q$  of the products  $R_{a,p} M_\epsilon$ ,

$$R_{a,p} = \begin{pmatrix} p^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & a & p \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_\epsilon = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}, \quad \epsilon^d = 1.$$

Within  $Q$  any subgroup of order prime to  $p$  is conjugate a group of operators  $R_{0,p} M_\epsilon$ .

**THEOREM.**—*Every subgroup  $H$  of order a multiple of  $p^2$  but not of  $p^3$  contains a self-conjugate  $G_{p^2}$ . Within  $G$ ,  $H$  is conjugate with a group of operators (5)<sub>1</sub> with*

$$\alpha_{22}^3 = 1, \quad \alpha_{11}\alpha_{22}\alpha_{33} = 1, \quad \alpha_{32} = ta_{21}\alpha_{33}\alpha_{22}^{-1},$$

where  $t$  is a constant having one of  $d$  values; or a group of operators (5)<sub>2</sub> in which the  $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{22} & \alpha_{23} \\ \alpha_{32} & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix}$  define a binary group of order prime to  $p$ ; or a group of operators (5)<sub>3</sub> with an analogous restriction.

8. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of order  $pN$ , normalized to contain  $(B_{3,2,1})$ . Suppose, first, that the latter is self-conjugate. The quotient-group  $Q$  of the group of operators (5)<sub>3</sub> with  $\alpha_{21} = 0$  by  $(B_{3,2,1})$  may be taken concretely as the group of the  $p^2(p-1)^3$  operators (5)<sub>3</sub> with  $\alpha_{21} = \alpha_{31} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{11}\alpha_{22}\alpha_{33} = 1$ .  $Q$  contains self-conjugately the group of the  $p^2$  operators (6)<sub>1</sub>:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \beta(\alpha_{22} - \alpha_{11}) & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha_{22} & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma(\alpha_{22} - \alpha_{33}) & \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (6)$$

Now (6)<sub>1</sub> transforms  $M_{a_{11}, a_{22}, a_{33}}$  into (6)<sub>2</sub>. Hence  $Q$  contains  $p^2$  subgroups of order  $(p-1)^2$ , no two of which have a common operator other than  $M_{\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon}$ ,  $\epsilon^d = 1$ . The remaining  $dp^2$  operators in  $Q$  are products of the form (6)<sub>1</sub>  $M_{\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon}$ . Hence, every subgroup of order prime to  $p$  of  $Q$  is conjugate within  $Q$  with a group of operators  $M_{a, \beta, \gamma}$ . Hence  $H$  is conjugate with the first group of the theorem below.

Let next  $(B_{3,2,1})$  be not self-conjugate in  $H$ , which, therefore, contains an operator  $S = (\alpha_{ij})$  with  $\alpha_{13}, \alpha_{23}, \alpha_{21}$  not all zero (§3). We simplify  $S$  by transforming it by operators  $M$ ,  $B_{1,2,\rho}$  and  $B_{3,1,\rho}$ , each commutative with  $(B_{3,2,1})$ , and by multiplying it on the right or left by  $B_{3,2,\rho}$ . Now, any  $(\alpha_{ij})$  transforms  $B_{3,2,1}$  into

$$\xi'_i = \xi_i + \alpha_{i3}\eta, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3), \quad (7)$$

where  $\eta$  is the function by which  $(\alpha_{ij})^{-1}$  replaces  $\xi_i$ .

(i). Let  $\alpha_{23} \neq 0$ . Transforming  $S$  by  $M_{a_{23}^{-1}, 1, a_{33}}$ , we may set  $\alpha_{23} = 1$ . Transforming by  $B_{1,2,-\alpha_{13}}$ , we have  $\alpha_{13} = 0$ . Then  $SB_{3,2,-\alpha_{33}}$  has  $\alpha_{23} = 1$ ,  $\alpha_{13} = \alpha_{33} = 0$ . Then (7) becomes

$$\xi'_1 = \xi_1, \quad \xi'_2 = \alpha_{31}\xi_1 + \xi_2 - \alpha_{11}\xi_3, \quad \xi'_3 = \xi_3, \quad (\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{31} \text{ not both } 0). \quad (8)$$

If  $\alpha_{11} = 0$ , we reach  $B_{2,1,1}$ , whereas the order of  $H$  is not divisible by  $p^2$ . Hence  $\alpha_{11} \neq 0$ , and  $B_{3,1,-\alpha_{31}\alpha_{11}^{-1}}$  transforms (8) into  $B_{2,3,-\alpha_{11}}$ . Hence  $H$  contains all binary transformations  $B$  of determinant unity on  $\xi_2, \xi_3$ .

(ii). Let  $\alpha_{23} = 0, \alpha_{13} \neq 0$ . Transforming by  $M_{a, \beta, \gamma}$  and  $B_{3,1,\rho}$ , we may set  $\alpha_{13} = 1, \alpha_{33} = 0$ . Then (7) becomes

$$S_1: \quad \xi'_1 = \xi_1 - \alpha_{31}\xi_2 + \alpha_{21}\xi_3, \quad \xi'_2 = \xi_2, \quad \xi'_3 = \xi_3.$$

For  $\alpha_{21} = 0$ ,  $S_1$  and  $B_{3,2,1}$  generate a  $G_{p^2}$ . For  $\alpha_{21} \neq 0$ ,

$$S_1^{-1} B_{3,2,\rho}^{-1} S_1 B_{3,2,\rho} = B_{1,2,-\rho\alpha_{21}}.$$

But this and  $S_1$  generate a  $G_{p^2}$ .

(iii). Let  $\alpha_{23} = \alpha_{13} = 0, \alpha_{21} \neq 0$ , whence  $\alpha_{33} \neq 0$ . Then (7) becomes

$$\xi'_1 = \xi_1, \quad \xi'_2 = \xi_2, \quad \xi'_3 = -\alpha_{21}\alpha_{33}^2 \xi_1 + \alpha_{11}\alpha_{33}^2 \xi_2 + \xi_3.$$

But this and  $B_{3,2,1}$  generate a  $G_{p^2}$ .

It remains only to discuss the groups of case (i). Suppose that  $H$  contains  $(\beta_{ij})$  with  $\beta_{12}, \beta_{13}, \beta_{21}, \beta_{31}$  not all zero.

If  $\beta_{12} = \beta_{13} = 0$ , we apply a  $B$  on the right and make also  $\beta_{23} = \beta_{32} = 0$ ,  $\beta_{33} = 1$ , whence  $\beta_{22} = \beta_{11}^{-1}$ . If  $\beta_{21} = 0$ , so that  $\beta_{31} \neq 0$ ,

$$(\beta_{ij})^{-1} M_{1,-1,-1}^{-1} (\beta_{ij}) M_{1,-1,-1} = B_{3,1,-2\beta_{31}\beta_{11}^{-1}},$$

and  $H$  contains a  $G_{p^2}$ . The case  $\beta_{21} \neq 0$  is excluded by (iii).

Hence  $\beta_{12}$  and  $\beta_{13}$  are not both zero. Applying a  $B$  on the left, we may set  $\beta_{12} = 1$ ,  $\beta_{13} = 0$ . Applying next a  $B$  on the right, we may set also  $\beta_{23} = 0$ ,  $\beta_{33} = 1$ . The case  $\beta_{21} \neq 0$  is excluded by (iii). Hence  $\beta_{21} = 0$ ,  $\beta_{22} = \beta_{11}^{-1}$ . Applying  $B_{3,2,-\beta_{32}}$  on the left, we may set also  $\beta_{32} = 0$ . Then

$$(\beta_{ij})^{-1} M_{1,\frac{1}{2},2}^{-1} (\beta_{ij}) M_{1,\frac{1}{2},2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \beta_{11}^{-1} \beta_{31} & -\beta_{31} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

is of period  $p$  and is commutative with  $B_{3,2,1}$ , so that the two generate a  $G_{p^2}$ . We have now proved the

**THEOREM.**—According as a subgroup of order a multiple of  $p$  but not of  $p^2$  contains  $(B_{3,2,1})$  self-conjugately or not, it is conjugate within  $G$  with a group of  $pg$  products  $B_{3,2,p} M_{\alpha,\beta,\alpha^{-1}\beta^{-1}}$ ,  $g$  a divisor of  $(p-1)^2$ , or with the group of order  $pf(p^2-1)$  given by the extension of the binary group of determinant unity on  $\xi_2, \xi_3$  by  $M_{\alpha,\alpha^{-1},1}$ ,  $\alpha^f \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

9. Finally, let  $H$  be a subgroup of order  $pN$ , normalized within  $G$  to contain  $J_t$ . By section 3, any operator  $T$  commutative with  $J_t$  may be expressed as the product of  $M_{\epsilon,\epsilon,\epsilon,\epsilon}$ ,  $\epsilon^d = 1$ , by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ \alpha & 1 & 0 \\ \beta & ta\rho & \rho \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \beta - \frac{1}{2}ta^2\rho & 0 & \rho \end{pmatrix} S_a, \quad S_a \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}ta^2 & ta & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $S_a$  is the general operator of  $J_t$  and  $S_a = S_1^a$ . The quotient group  $Q = (T) / J_t$  may be taken concretely as the group of the  $dp(p-1)$  products  $M_{\epsilon,\epsilon,\epsilon} M_{\rho^{-1},1,\rho} B_{3,1,\gamma}$ . Hence  $Q$  contains  $p$  groups conjugate with  $(M_{\epsilon\rho^{-1},\epsilon,\epsilon\rho})$   $\rho$  being a primitive root of  $p$ , no two of them have common operators other than  $M_\epsilon \equiv M_{\epsilon,\epsilon,\epsilon}$ . The remaining  $dp$  operators of  $Q$  lie in  $(M_\epsilon, B_{3,1,\gamma})$ . Within  $Q$  every subgroup of order prime to  $p$  is, therefore, conjugate with a subgroup of  $(M_\epsilon, M_{\rho^{-1},1,\rho})$ .

Let first  $J_t$  be self-conjugate in  $H$ . Then  $H$  is conjugate with a group of  $efp$  products  $M_\epsilon M_{\sigma^{-1},1,\sigma} B_{3,1,\lambda}$ .

Let next  $J_t$  be not self-conjugate in  $H$ . It suffices to consider the case  $t = 1$ , since  $M_{1,1,t^{-1}}$  transforms  $J_t$  into  $J_1$ , and  $H$  into a subgroup of  $G$ ; the final list of the groups with  $J_1$  must be transformed by the inverse  $M_{1,1,t}$ . Hence let  $H$  contain  $J_1$  and an operator  $S = (a_{ij})$  with  $a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{23}$  not all zero (so that  $S$  shall not transform  $J_1$  into a subgroup of  $G_{p^3}$ ).

(i) Let  $a_{13} \neq 0$ . Multiplying  $S$  on the left by an  $S_a$ , we may set  $a_{12} = 0$ . If then  $a_{22} = 0$ ,  $S^{-1}$  has  $a'_{13} = 0$ ,  $a'_{12} = a_{13} a_{32} \neq 0$ , case (ii). Let now  $a_{22} \neq 0$ . Then  $SS_a$  has  $a_{12} = a_{32} = 0$ . Transforming by  $B_{3,1,\sigma}$ , which is commutative with  $S_a$ , we reach a transformation  $\Sigma$  with  $a_{12} = a_{32} = a_{33} = 0$ ,  $-a_{13} a_{31} a_{22} = 1$ . The transform of  $S_a$  by  $\Sigma$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 + a a_{23} a_{13} a_{31} & -a a_{13}^2 a_{31} & -a a_{13} (D + \frac{1}{2} a a_{22} a_{13}) \\ a a_{23}^2 a_{31} & 1 - a a_{23} a_{31} a_{13} & -a D a_{23} - a a_{22}^2 a_{13} - \frac{1}{2} a^2 a_{13} a_{22} a_{23} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (9)$$

where  $D = a_{11} a_{23} - a_{13} a_{21}$ . If  $D \neq 0$ , we can determine  $a$  to make  $a'_{12} \neq 0$ ,  $a'_{13} = 0$ , case (ii). If  $D = 0$ , the transform of  $\Sigma^{-1}$  by  $B_{3,1,a_{11}a_{13}^{-1}}$  is of the form  $\Sigma$  with  $D' = -a_{23}$ ; then  $D' = 0$  requires  $a_{23} = a_{21} = 0$ . In the latter case, (9) becomes  $W_a$  if we take  $a = -a_{22}^{-2} a_{13}^{-1}$ , and set  $\alpha = -a_{22}^{-3}$ :

$$W_a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \frac{1}{2}\alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad V = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2}\alpha \\ 2\alpha^{-1}(\alpha - 1) & -1 & 1 - \alpha \\ 2\alpha^{-1} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Applying the method by which  $S$  was reduced to  $\Sigma$ , we compute  $S_{-2} W_a S_{-2}$  and transform it by  $B_{3,1,\sigma}$ , where  $\sigma = 2(1 - \alpha)\alpha^{-1}$ . There results  $V$ , which is of the form  $\Sigma$  with  $D = 1 - \alpha$ . We are thus led to case (ii) unless  $\alpha = 1$ . For  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $V$  becomes  $T$ , which transforms  $S_a$  into  $E_a$ :

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E_a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2}a & -\frac{1}{8}a^2 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{1}{2}a \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For brevity set  $N_\rho = M_{\rho,1,\rho^{-1}}$ . We have the relations

$$E_a = E_1^a, \quad S_a = S_1^a, \quad S_a N_\rho = N_\rho S_{a\rho^{-1}}, \quad E_a N_\rho = N_\rho E_{a\rho}, \quad (10)$$

$$T^2 = \text{identity}, \quad T S_a = E_a T, \quad T N_\rho = N_{\rho^{-1}} T, \quad (11)$$

$$E_c S_b = N_{a^2 c^{-2}} S_{-b c a^{-1}} E_{-a}, \quad \left( a = \frac{4c}{bc-4}, \quad c \neq 0, \quad b \neq \frac{4}{c} \right), \quad (12)$$

$$E_c S_{4c^{-1}} = N_{4c^{-2}} S_{-c} T, \quad (c \neq 0). \quad (13)$$

Every operator of the group  $K$  generated by  $S_1$  and  $T$  can be expressed in one of the two forms

$$N_{k^2}S_bE_a = \begin{pmatrix} k^2 \left(1 - \frac{ab}{4}\right)^2 & -\frac{a}{2} \left(1 - \frac{ab}{4}\right) & \frac{1}{8}a^2k^{-2} \\ bk^2 \left(1 - \frac{ab}{4}\right) & 1 - \frac{ab}{2} & -\frac{1}{2}ak^{-2} \\ \frac{1}{2}b^2k^2 & b & k^{-2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (14)$$

$$N_{k^2}S_bT = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4}b^2k^2 & \frac{1}{2}b & \frac{1}{2}k^{-2} \\ -bk^2 & -1 & 0 \\ 2k^2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (15)$$

First,  $S_1$  times either reduces at once to one of these forms by (10). Next, by (11),

$$T \cdot N_{k^2}S_bE_a = N_{k^{-2}}E_bS_aT, \quad T \cdot N_{k^2}S_bT = N_{k^{-2}}E_b.$$

For  $a = 0$ ,  $N_{k^{-2}}E_bT = N_{k^{-2}}N_{4b^{-2}}S_{-b}E_{-4b^{-1}}$ , of the form (14), the equality following from (13) upon transforming its members by  $T$ . For  $a \neq 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} N_{k^{-2}}E_bS_aT &= N_{k^{-2}}E_b \cdot N_{a^2/4}E_{-a}S_{-4a^{-1}}, \text{ by (13),} \\ &= N_{k^{-2}a^2/4}E_{-a+b^2/4}S_{-4a^{-1}}, \text{ by (10)<sub>4</sub>,} \end{aligned}$$

and hence is of one of the forms (14), (15), in view of (12) and (13). Hence the group  $K$  is composed of the  $\frac{1}{2}p(p^2-1)$  distinct operators (14) and (15). These may be combined into the simple form, with the invariant  $\xi_2^2 - 2\xi_1\xi_3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha^2 & \alpha\beta & \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 \\ 2\alpha\gamma & \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma & \beta\delta \\ 2\gamma^2 & 2\gamma\delta & \delta^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \alpha\delta - \beta\gamma = 1. \quad (16)$$

Indeed, (14) is obtained by setting

$$\alpha = k \left(1 - \frac{ab}{4}\right), \quad \beta = -\frac{1}{2}ak^{-1}, \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{2}bk, \quad \delta = k^{-1};$$

while (15) is obtained by setting  $\alpha = -\frac{1}{2}bk$ ,  $\beta = -k^{-1}$ ,  $\gamma = k$ ,  $\delta = 0$ . Now  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $\delta$  and their negatives give the same operator (16). Further, there are exactly  $p(p^2-1)$  sets of solutions of  $\alpha\delta - \beta\gamma \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Hence  $K$  is simply isomorphic with the group  $\Gamma$  of all unary linear fractional substitutions of determinant unity modulo  $p$ .\*

\* Since  $S_1$  is not conjugate with  $B_{3,2,1}$ , there follows the known theorem that  $\Gamma$  is not representable as a binary homogeneous group of determinant 1.

If  $\nu$  be a particular not-square,  $N_\nu$  extends  $K$  to a group  $K'$  of order  $p(p^2 - 1)$ , composed of all ternary transformations of determinant unity leaving  $\xi_2^2 - 2\xi_1\xi_3$  absolutely invariant. Indeed,  $N_\nu$  transforms  $S_1$  and  $T$  into  $S_{\nu^{-1}}$  and  $N_{\nu^{-2}}T$ , respectively.

Consider a group  $H'$  which contains  $K'$  and a further operator  $S = (a_{ij})$ . Now  $S$ ,  $TS$ ,  $ST$ ,  $TST$  do not all have  $a_{13} = 0$ . We, therefore, assume that  $a_{13} \neq 0$  in  $S$ . By choice of  $b, \rho, a$ ,  $S_b S N_\rho S_a = R$  has  $a_{12} = a_{23} = 0$ ,  $a_{13} = 1$ . Then

$$\Sigma \equiv R^{-1} N_{-1} R N_{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2a_{21}a_{22}a_{33} & 1 - 2a_{21}a_{32} & 2a_{21}a_{22} \\ 2a_{21}a_{32}a_{33} & 2a_{31}a_{32} - 2a_{11}a_{32}a_{33} & 1 - 2a_{21}a_{32} \end{pmatrix}.$$

If  $a_{21}a_{22} \neq 0$ , a suitable product  $S_b N_\sigma \Sigma S_a$  gives  $V$ :

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma & 0 & 1 \\ \delta & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad V^{-1} N_\rho^{-1} V N_\rho = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma(\rho^{-1} - \rho) & \rho & 0 \\ \delta(\rho^{-2} - \rho^{-1}) & 0 & \rho^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

We may take  $\rho^3 \neq 1$ . Then (§3) the latter operator transforms  $J_1$  into another subgroup of  $G_{p^2}$ , so that  $H'$  would be of order a multiple of  $p^2$ . The same is true for  $\Sigma$  if  $a_{22} = 0$ . If  $a_{21} = 0$ ,  $\Sigma = B_{3,1,k}$ ,  $k = 2a_{31}a_{32} - 2a_{11}a_{32}a_{33}$ . If  $k \neq 0$ , we obtain a  $G_{p^2}$ . Hence  $k = 0$ . Now  $a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} - a_{31}a_{22} = 1 = |S|$ . Hence  $a_{32} = 0$ , and

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ a_{31} & 0 & a_{33} \end{pmatrix}, \quad TST = \begin{pmatrix} a_{33} & 0 & \frac{1}{4}a_{31} \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 \\ 4 & 0 & a_{11} \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_{22}(a_{11}a_{33} - a_{31}) = 1.$$

If  $a_{31} = 0$ ,  $N_\sigma TST$  can be given the form  $W$  with  $\delta \neq 0$ :

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ \delta & 0 & \alpha^{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad Z = \begin{pmatrix} a'_{11} & 0 & a'_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -4a'_{13} & 0 & a'_{33} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $N_\rho^{-1} W^{-1} N_\rho W = B_{3,1,i}$ ,  $l = \delta(1 - \rho^{-2})$ . Hence  $a_{31} \neq 0$ . Then  $S^{-1} N_\rho TST$  gives  $Z$ , where

$$a'_{11} = a_{22}(\rho a_{33}^2 - \frac{1}{4}\rho^{-1}a_{31}^2), \quad a'_{13} = \frac{1}{4}\rho^{-1}a_{11}a_{22}a_{31} - \rho a_{22}a_{33}.$$

If  $a_{33} \neq 0$ , we take  $\rho = \frac{1}{2}a_{31}a_{33}^{-1}$ , whence  $a'_{11} = 0$ ,  $a'_{13} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Then  $TZ$  is of the form  $W$  with  $\alpha = -1$  and hence transforms  $J_1$  into another subgroup of  $G_{p^2}$ .

Hence  $\alpha_{33} = 0$ . If  $\alpha_{11} \neq 0$ ,  $N_p TST$  is of the form  $S$  with  $\alpha_{31} \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha_{33} \neq 0$ , previously excluded. Hence  $\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{33} = 0$  in  $S$ . Then

$$STN_2 = Ma_{31}, \alpha_{31}^{-1}, 1.$$

If  $\alpha_{31}^3 \neq 1$ , this transforms  $J_1$  into another subgroup of  $G_{p^3}$ . We thus reach the extender  $M_{\epsilon^2, \epsilon, 1} = M_{\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon} M_{\epsilon, 1, \epsilon^2}, \epsilon^3 = 1$ . Now  $M_{\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon}$  occurs in  $K'$  if, and only if,  $\epsilon = 1$ . Hence  $H'$  is of order  $dp(p^2 - 1)$  and leaves  $\xi_2^2 - 2\xi_1\xi_3$  relatively invariant.

We now pass from case (i) to the study of the group  $H$  with an operator  $S = (\alpha_{ij})$ ,  $\alpha_{13} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{12}$  and  $\alpha_{23}$  not both zero. These properties of  $S$  are not altered when we make the normalization as at the beginning of the section, in view of which the largest subgroup  $G_{p^{w+e}}$  of  $H$  commutative with  $J_1$  is composed of the products  $M_{\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon} N_p S_a$ ,  $\rho^w = 1$ ,  $\epsilon^e = 1$ ,  $\epsilon = 1$  or  $d$ . We defer to §10 the case  $w = 1$ , assuming  $w > 1$  here.

(ii)  $\alpha_{13} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{12} \neq 0$ . Transforming  $H$  by  $N_{\alpha_{12}}^{-1}$ , we may set  $\alpha_{12} = 1$  in  $S$ . Replacing  $S$  by a suitable product  $S_a S S_b$ , we may set  $\alpha_{11} = \alpha_{13} = \alpha_{22} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{12} = 1$ . Then  $S^{-1} N_p S N_p^{-1}$  becomes

$$\begin{pmatrix} \rho^{-1} & 0 & 0 \\ (\rho^{-1} - \rho) \alpha_{21} \alpha_{23} \alpha_{32} & \rho^{-1} \alpha_{23} \alpha_{31} - \rho \alpha_{21} \alpha_{33} & (\rho - \rho^{-1}) \alpha_{21} \alpha_{23} \\ \rho \alpha_{32} + \alpha_{21} \alpha_{32} \alpha_{33} - \rho^2 \alpha_{31} \alpha_{32} \alpha_{23} & (1 - \rho^2) \alpha_{31} \alpha_{33} & \rho^2 \alpha_{31} \alpha_{23} - \alpha_{21} \alpha_{33} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (17)$$

If  $\rho$  may take the value  $-1$ , (17) multiplies  $\xi_1$  and  $\xi_2$  by  $-1$  and replaces  $\xi_3$  by  $\xi_3 - 2\alpha_{32}\xi_1$ . Hence it transforms  $S_1$  into an operator  $\neq S_a$  of  $G_{p^3}$ , whereas the order of  $H$  is not a multiple of  $p^2$ . Let then  $\rho^2 \neq 1$ . If  $\alpha_{21} \alpha_{23} \neq 0$ , (17) falls under case (iii). If  $\alpha_{23} = 0$ , so that  $|S| = -\alpha_{21} \alpha_{33} = 1$ , (17) is commutative with  $J_1$  if, and only if, (§3)  $\rho^3 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_{31} = 0$ ; when these hold,  $w = 3$ , so that  $\alpha'_{31} = (\rho - 1) \alpha_{32}$  in (17) is zero. In view of  $S^2$  we may set  $\alpha_{21} = \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon^3 = 1$ . Then

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \epsilon & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\epsilon^2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad S_{-\epsilon^2} S^{-1} S_{\epsilon^2} S N_{\epsilon^2} S_{-1} S = \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 \\ -\epsilon & 2\epsilon^2 & -1 \end{pmatrix},$$

while the latter transforms  $J_1$  into a different subgroup of  $G_{p^3}$  (§3). The remaining case  $\alpha_{21} = 0$  may be excluded in a similar way.

(iii)  $\alpha_{13} = \alpha_{12} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{23} \neq 0$ . Transforming  $H$  by  $N$ , we may set  $\alpha_{23} = 1$ . Multiplying right and left by the  $S_a$ , we may set also  $\alpha_{22} = \alpha_{33} = 0$ , whence

$-\alpha_{11}\alpha_{32} = 1$ . Then  $S^{-1}N_\rho SN_\rho^{-1} = L$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \beta & \rho^{-1} & 0 \\ \gamma & 0 & \rho \end{pmatrix}, \quad \beta = (\rho^{-1} - \rho)\alpha_{21}\alpha_{32}, \quad \gamma = (\rho - \rho^3)\alpha_{31}\alpha_{32}.$$

If either  $\beta \neq 0$  or  $\rho^3 \neq 1$ ,  $L$  leads to a  $G_{p^2}$  (§3). Let, then,  $\beta = 0$ ,  $\rho^3 = 1$ ,  $\rho \neq 1$  whence  $\alpha_{21} = 0$ . Then  $N_\rho^{-1}LN_\rho L^{-1} = B_{3,1,t}$ ,  $t = \gamma(1 - \rho^{-1})$ , leads to a  $G_{p^2}$  unless  $\gamma = 0$ . Hence we may set also  $\alpha_{31} = 0$ . In view of  $S^2$ , we may set  $\alpha_{32} = \epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon^3 = 1$ , whence  $\alpha_{11} = -\epsilon^2$ . Then  $S$  and  $S_{-1}S^{-1}S_\epsilon SS_{-1}$  are, respectively,

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \epsilon & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The latter, taken as  $S$ , leads to an  $L$  with  $\beta \neq 0$ .

10. It remains to consider the case in which  $J_1$  is commutative only with its operators and the  $M_{\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon}$ , with  $\epsilon^e = 1$ ,  $e = 1$  or  $3$ . Denote the order of  $H$  by  $pm$ . We pass to the quotient-group  $Q$  of  $G$  by  $(M_{\epsilon, \epsilon, \epsilon})$ . From  $H$ , we obtain  $H_1$  of order  $pm$ . Hence  $H_1$  contains exactly  $m$  operators of order prime to  $p$ .

By the canonical form theory,  $Q$  contains cyclic subgroups of order  $\frac{1}{d}(p^2 + p + 1)$  each commutative with just  $\frac{3}{d}(p^2 + p + 1)$  operators. Let  $\mu$  be the order of the largest subgroup  $C$  of one of these cyclic groups which lies in  $H_1$ . Then  $C$  is one of  $pm \div \mu\lambda$  conjugates within  $H_1$ , where  $\lambda = 1$  or  $3$ , and no two of them have a common operator  $\neq I$ . Hence they contain at least  $pm(\mu - 1) \div 3\mu$  operators  $\neq I$ . But if  $p > 3$ , this number exceeds  $m$  if  $\mu > 1$ , and hence  $\mu \leq 3$ . Hence, for  $p > 3$ , there occur no operators  $\neq I$  whose periods divide  $\frac{1}{d}(p^2 + p + 1)$ . The same is true for  $p = 3$ , since then  $d = 1$ ,  $\mu = 13$ ,  $\lambda = 3$ , so that there are exactly  $m/13$   $C_{13}$  in  $H_1$ . But  $m = 2^i \cdot 13$ ,  $i \leq 4$ , contrary to Sylow's theorem. Next,  $H_1$  contains no operators of period  $\tau$ , a divisor of  $\frac{1}{d}(p^2 - 1)$  but not of  $\frac{1}{d}(p - 1)$ . Indeed, the cyclic  $C_\tau$  would be one of  $pm \div \tau\kappa$  conjugates, where  $\kappa = 1$  or  $2$ . Let  $C_\tau$  have  $t$  operators of periods dividing  $\frac{1}{d}(p - 1)$ ,  $\tau \leq 2t$ . Then there are at least  $\tau - t$  operators in any  $C_\tau$

occurring in none of its conjugates. But  $(\tau - t)pm \div \tau\kappa \geq \frac{1}{2}pm/\kappa > m$  if  $p > 3$ . The case  $p = 3$  is immediately treated since the group of order  $3 \cdot 2^i, 1 \leq i \leq 4$  has  $2^i$  conjugate  $C_3$  and a self-conjugate  $G_{2^i}$ , whence  $i = 2$  or 4. If  $i = 2$  and the  $G_4$  is cyclic, there occurs a self-conjugate operator  $O_2$  and hence an  $O_6$ . For  $i = 4$ ,  $G_{16}$  must contain an  $O_8$ , since 16 is the highest power of 2 dividing the order of  $G \equiv Q$ , which contains operators of period  $\frac{1}{d}(p^2 - 1) = 8$ . But for  $\tau = 8, t = 2$ , the general argument gives  $6 \cdot 3 \cdot m \div 8\kappa$ , or more than  $m$ , distinct operators of periods 4 and 8.

We have shown that  $H_1$  contains no operator of period a divisor  $> 1$  of  $q = \frac{1}{d}(p^2 + p + 1)$ , or a divisor of  $r = \frac{1}{d}(p^2 - 1)$  but not of  $s = \frac{1}{d}(p - 1)$ . The order of  $Q$  is  $q(p + 1)(p - 1)^2 p^3$ . Now  $q$  is relatively prime to  $p + 1$ . Also  $(p - 1)^2 - dq = -3p$ , while  $q$  is not divisible by 3; hence  $q$  and  $(p - 1)^2$  are relatively prime. Hence the order of  $H_1$  divides  $(p + 1)(p - 1)^2 p$ . Any factor other than 2 or 4 of  $p + 1$  is prime to  $(p - 1)^2$  and hence to  $s$ . Hence the order of  $H_1$  divides  $w = 2^k(p - 1)^2 p$ ,  $k = 2$  if  $p = 4l + 1$ ,  $k = 4$  if  $p = 4l + 3$ . The order must divide  $w/2$ ; otherwise  $H_1$  would contain a group of order the highest power of 2 dividing the order of  $Q$ , and hence an operator of period a power of 2 dividing  $r$  but not  $s$ . Hence the order  $H_1$  divides  $\nu = \kappa(p - 1)^2 p$ ,  $\kappa = 1$  or 2 according as  $p = 4l \pm 1$ . But the only divisors  $\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  of  $2(p - 1)^2$  are 1,  $(p - 1)^2$ , and if  $p = 7$  also 8. But  $C_p$  is to be commutative with no further operators of  $H_1$ . If  $p = 7$  and  $H_1$  is of order 56, there would occur an abelian subgroup  $G_8$  of type  $(1, 1, 1)$ , whereas a simple discussion shows that no such  $G_8$  lies in  $LF(3, 7)$ . Hence  $H_1$  is of order  $p(p - 1)^2$ . Now  $(p - 1)^2$  has no factor  $\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  other than itself and unity. Moreover,  $C_p$  is not self-conjugate. Hence\*  $(p - 1)^2$  does not have two distinct prime factors. Hence  $p - 1 = 2^a$ . Then  $d = 1, \frac{1}{2}(p + 1)$  is odd. Hence  $H_1$  contains a  $G_{2^a}$  self-conjugate in a subgroup  $G_{2^{a+1}}$  of order the highest power of 2 in  $LF(3, p)$ . The latter has operators of period  $p^2 - 1$ , and hence operators of period  $2^{a+1}$ . Hence  $G_{2^a}$  has operators of period  $2^a$ . But no operator of period  $p$  transforms into itself a cyclic  $C_{2^i}$  ( $i \leq a$ ), since there is no ternary group of order  $p2^i$  containing  $J_1$ . Hence there are at least  $p$  distinct conjugates  $C_{2^i}$  in  $H_1$ .

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\* Frobenius, *Berliner Sitzungsberichte*, 1902, p. 459.

and hence at least  $p2^{i-1}$  distinct  $O_i$ . But

$$p \sum_{i=1}^a 2^{i-1} = p(2^a - 1) = 2^{2a} - 1.$$

Hence  $H_1$  contains exactly  $p$  conjugate  $C_{i,a}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, a$ . If two of the  $C_{i,a}$  had a common subgroup  $C_{i,b}$ ,  $b > 0$ , all the  $p$   $C_{i,a}$  would contain  $C_{i,b}$ , which would then be self-conjugate in  $H_1$ , contrary to the above. Hence all the operators of  $G_{2^a}$  lie in  $p$  conjugate  $G_{i,a}$ . Suppose that exactly  $2^c$  operators transform each of the  $p$  cyclic  $C_{i,a}$  into itself. Then there would be a self-conjugate  $G_{i,c}$  in  $H_1$ . Hence, by above,  $c = 2a$ , so that  $G_{2^{2a}}$  is abelian of type  $(a, a)$ . Hence there are only 3 operators of period 2, whence  $p = 3$ . For  $p = 3$ ,  $H_1 = H$  is simply isomorphic with the alternating group on 4 letters. Its four-group may be taken, by applying a suitable ternary transformation, to be generated by  $M_{-1, -1, 1}$  and  $B_+$ , where

$$B_{\pm} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \pm 1 & 0 \\ \pm 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \pm \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{13} \\ \mp \alpha_{11} & -\alpha_{11} & \pm \alpha_{13} \\ \alpha_{31} & \mp \alpha_{31} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad 4\alpha_{11}\alpha_{13}\alpha_{31} \equiv 1.$$

We find that any ternary operator of determinant 1 which transforms  $M_{-1, -1, 1}$  into  $B_{\pm}$ , and the latter into  $B_{\mp}$ , must be of the form  $C$ . Every such  $C$  is of period 3 and leaves absolutely invariant

$$\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 - \xi_3^2 \equiv \xi_2^2 - 2(\xi_1 + \xi_3)(\xi_1 - \xi_3), \quad (\text{mod } 3).$$

The resulting  $G_{12}$  generated by  $M_{-1, -1, 1}$ ,  $B_+$ , and any  $C$ , is, therefore, conjugate within  $G$  with the group of the operators (16).

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